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## Initial Proposal Lolo Peak Fire Salvage Timber Sale September 21, 2017

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Hamilton Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

Section 16, T11N, R20W (McClain) Section 16, T10N, R20W (Sweeney)

The Lolo Peak Fire Salvage Timber Sale is located approximately 3 miles southwest of Lolo, MT and 2 miles southwest of Florence, MT, respectively. This sale is planned as a result of the recent Lolo Peak Fire.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Salvage fire killed and damaged timber.
- Generate revenue for the trust beneficiaries.
- Reestablish and promote historic timber types.

The proposed project would harvest approximately 1.2 MMBF board feet from approximately 500 acres.

Approximately 3 miles of new road construction would be required on the McClain section to accommodate this proposed action.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archaeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. As an adjacent landowner or interested party, we request your input regarding these projects. Your concerns and comments are needed to assist DNRC in planning, analyzing, and implementing these projects. We appreciate your response by **October 21**, **2017** so that we may incorporate it into our planning process. Please submit comments to:

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